

Claim 8, line 3 change "baed" to read --based--

Amend Claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A therapeutic composition for nasal administration in dosage unit form ^{comprising} ~~containing~~ from 50 to 1000 micrograms of a vitamin B₁₂, ⁱⁿ [an] ^{to provide} ~~a~~ ^{and} ~~containing~~ ^{comprising} a pharmaceutically acceptable isotonic aqueous buffer at a pH of from about 4 to 6 ^{of the composition} ~~so that the~~ ^{viscosity is} ~~viscosity~~ is from about 2500 to [6500] 10,000 cps.

Amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method of treating a human for vitamin B₁₂ deficiency which comprises nasal ^{administering} ~~administration~~ to a human in need of such treatment a composition ^{comprising} ~~containing~~ a therapeutically effective amount of a vitamin B₁₂, ⁱⁿ [an] ^{to provide} ~~a~~ ^{and} ~~containing~~ ^{comprising} a pharmaceutically acceptable isotonic aqueous buffer at a pH of from about 4 to 6 ^{of the composition} ~~so that the~~ ^{viscosity is} ~~viscosity~~ is from about 2500 to [6500] 10,000 cps.

Amend Claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) A method as in Claim 22 or 23 [additionally containing] wherein the composition additionally contains from about 1% to 10% by weight ~~based on the total weight~~ of a humectant and from about 0.2% to 2% by weight ~~based on the total weight~~ of a surfactant.

Add new claims 25, 26 and 27 reading as follows:

--25. A composition as in Claim 1 wherein the viscosity is from 2500 to 6500 cps.--

--26. A composition as in Claim 9 wherein the viscosity is from 2500 to 6500 cps.--

--27. A method as in Claim 17 wherein the viscosity of the composition is from 2500 to 6500 cps.--

REMARKS

The claims have been rewritten to define the invention more specifically and to avoid the rejection thereof under 35 USC 112.